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SUBJECT: UGANDAN BORDER OPEN; APC'S HELD UP BY
LOGISTICS, NOT THE RPF

REF: STATE 167690

1. (C) REFTEL REPORTED HOSTILE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) REACTIONS TO THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION AND POSSIBLE RPF PREVENTION OF UNOSOM AND U.S.-LEASED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FROM BEING DELIVERED TO UNAMIR IN RWANDA. A UGANDAN NEWS REPORTER SUGGESTED THAT THE RPF HAD CLOSED THE BORDER TO UGANDA.

2. (C) DATT PHONED THE UNOMUR CHIEF OF MILITARY OPERATIONS (CMO) AT THE BORDER ON JUNE 23. UNOMUR REPORTED THAT THE BORDER IS OPEN. UNOMUR KNEW OF THE INCIDENT IN REFTEL OF FOUR AMERICANS BEING DENIED ENTRY INTO RWANDA ON JUNE 22. THE UNOMUR CMO WAS DIRECTED BY THE UNAMIR COMMANDER (GENERAL DALLAIRE) TO SEND THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS BACK TO THE BORDER CROSSING, WHERE THEY WOULD BE MET AND ESCORTED TO KIGALI. THE CMO STATED THAT THIS PLAN HAD BEEN

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COORDINATED WITH AND APPROVED BY THE RPF.

3. (S/NF) THE FIRST FOUR U.S. APC'S ARRIVED AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT ON JUNE 23. BRIG. JIM MUHWEZI, HEAD OF INTERNAL SECURITY, TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 24 THAT THE GOU WOULD HAVE NO/NO OBJECTION TO KEEPING THE U.S. LEASED APC'S IN UGANDA UNTIL IT IS POSSIBLE TO MOVE THEM INTO RWANDA - - IF LOGISTICAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS CAUSE DELAYS. HE ALSO SAID IF HE KNEW THE SCHEDULE OF MOVEMENT, HE WOULD INSURE THERE WOULD BE NO OBSTRUCTIONS IN APC MOVEMENT THROUGH UGANDA.

4. (C) THERE WAS A DELAY IN TRANSPORT OF THE U.N. APC'S FROM SOMALIA, BUT IT WAS DUE TO LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS, PRIMARILY THE LACK OF SUITABLE TRUCKS IN UGANDA FOR TRANSPORTING THE APC'S, NOT TO ANY INTERFERENCE BY THE RPF OR GOU. TWO OF THESE U.N. APC'S ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO RWANDA.

5. (C) IN THE ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AMAMA MBABAZI, CHARGE AND DATT MET WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DR. MBONYE JUNE 23 TO REQUEST GOU HELP WITH THE RPF PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL.

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MBONYE SAID HE WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE TO MBABAZI, WHEN HE COULD. CHARGE ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE U.S.-LEASED APC'S REMAINING IN UGANDA FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. MBONYE DID NOT SEE THIS AS A PROBLEM, AND MADE A NOTATION TO MENTION IT TO MBABAZI.

6. (C) CHARGE MET WITH RPF REPRESENTATIVES ON
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JUNE 23 LATE IN THE AFTERNOON (TO BE REPORTED BY
SEPTTEL).

7. (U). MINIMIZED CONSIDERED. SHIPPY

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